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sentence to slavery all who presume to differ from themselves. The pious member of the Church of England says, "I cannot assimilate with the Papist, for he calls me a heretic, and excludes me from salvation." Gracious Heavens! and are our ears and our understandings to be insulted with such ridiculous nonsense in the nineteenth century? If I could imagine, for an instant, that you, my Catholic brethren, really *believe* such an abominable doctrine, I would consider you as degraded below the rank of men. But, thanks be to God, the gloomy night of intellectual darkness is long since past; the reign of credulity is at an end. Your adversaries, therefore, are highly unjustifiable in bringing charges against you, which they cannot substantiate: it clearly evinces that they are alike destitute of charity and good sense: for those who accuse you of entertaining such sentiments, have nothing else to allege in support of their assertions, except some obsolete canons of your church. Now, this mode of reasoning is unfair in the extreme, and every Protestant must know that it may be equally applied against himself: he must know, that there are some things still remaining in the *letter* of his creed, which he finds it necessary to construe according to his own interpretation. He should consequently grant to others that indulgence he requires for himself. All we have any *right* to demand from our neighbour, is an obliging peaceable demeanor: with this we ought to be content, and leave the rest to God, who is far more merciful to us, than we are to each other. Study! then, my Catholic

brethren, laying aside all speculative disquisitions, to act according to the moral law of that religion which we both profess—the religion of the Gospel; and, "if it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live quietly with all men." This will be your surest road to victory: this will lead to the consummation of your wishes. The malevolent fabrications of your despicable opponents shall thus meet with that contempt which is their just reward: every virtuous man must become your friend: the voice of reason will make itself be heard: and the emancipation of her children will restore to Ireland, that harmony which has long been an exile from her shores!

Lambeg, Sept. 20th, 1813. M——D.

To the Proprietors of the Belfast Magazine.

I HAVE heard, that it has been said, with some confidence, by certain of the Orangists, that the Synod of Ulster's declaration respecting civil and religious liberty, is likely to do them much injury with their people. They say, that the Ministers had no business to intermeddle with politics; and that they would not be surprised, if many *loyal* men should, for this improper expression of sentiment, withdraw themselves from their communion, and go to Church. This subject furnishes materials for a few remarks, and some gloomy reflections, on the times in which we live.

AN OBSERVER.

AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

From the 20th August to the 20th September, 1813.

AFTER a long time of parching dry weather, a change took place about the beginning of this month, and a great deal of rain fell for several weeks, accompanied by high winds, which beat down the standing corn, did considerable injury to the grain, and for some time had the appearance of producing a serious alteration in the prospect of plenty, which the abundance of the crops had presented. A favourable change in the weather has now removed the fears that had been entertained, and the harvest is likely to be secured without much further loss.

The blast, so much complained of in the Wheat crops, appears to be pretty general in some districts, in others there is very little injury likely to be sustained from it; much diversity of sentiment has prevailed among agriculturalists as to the cause of this distemper, and various methods prescribed for its prevention. The writer of this report does not presume to give a decided opinion, on the subject, much less to dictate